

# June Birrenkott

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Mass of Christian Burial for June Birrenkott, 71, longtime Lemmon resident was celebrated on Tuesday, July 14 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lemmon with Rev. Fr. Dale Kutil officiating. A rosary and Christian wake service was held on Monday evening, July 13 at 8 p.m. at the Prince of Peace Chapel of the Evanson Jensen Funeral Home. Interment was made in Greenhill Cemetery with Bob Raney, John V. O'Donnel, C.F. Gerdes, Howard Bertrand, Dr. H.J. Christen and Howard DeWitt serving as casketbearers. Serving as honorary casketbearers were Marj Raney, Gen O'Donnell, Lorraine Gerdes, Kathleen Bertrand, Dora Durick, Georgia Feist, Marge Jangula, Mary Hanrahan, Fran Schirber, Audrey Seeley and all her bridge friends.

Special music was provided by the choir of St. Mary's Church, Marilyn Willey, soloist; and Mrs. Bruce Boorman, organist.

June Van Riper Birrenkott was born on June 17, 1916 to Frank and Katherine (Koch) Van Riper at their farm near Groton. She grew to young-

woman-hood and received her education there. She was united in marriage to S.P. "Ves" Birrenkott at Aberdeen on August 16, 1941. In 1945 they moved to Lemmon and established Birrenkott Oil Company. Mr. Birrenkott died suddenly in 1960 and she continued to live and raise her family in Lemmon and assist in the operation of the business.

She was active in community affairs including the Jaycettes, various bridge clubs, St. Mary's Church and Altar Society and in later years enjoyed embroidery, making afghans and the company of her children, grandchildren and many friends.

She is survived by one daughter, Susan Birrenkott, Aberdeen; three sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Shelly, Elk River, Minn., Bob and Regina, Tampa, Fla., and Pete and Julie, Rapid City; five grandsons and one granddaughter; three sisters, Marvel Menninga, St. Cloud, Minn., Mrs. Jack "Jerry" McEvoy, Hays, Kansas and Lorraine Frisbie, Portland, Ore.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.